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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449, copies of the references cited thereon (accompanied by English Abstracts or partial translations), and a copy of a PCT International Search Report (with English version thereof) issued in the corresponding PCT International application on August 29, 2000.
- 2) This statement is being filed concurrently with the above identified new PCT National Phase Application.
- 3) Reference AA is accompanied by a Partial English Translation and AB to AI are each accompanied by an English Abstract and therefore require no discussion. References AB, AG and AI have been discussed in the specification at page 2. References AA, AC to AF and AH each have been assigned to a relevance category in the International Search Report.


- 4) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicants and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 5) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 10 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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